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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: A. SHMAISER, et al.  
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Filed: 7 November 1999 as PCT/IL99/00600 and Herewith as US National Stage  
For: TANDEM PRINTING SYSTEM WITH FINE PAPER-POSITION  
CORRECTION  
Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington DC 20231

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of the U.S. national stage of PCT/IL99/00600, kindly amend the application as follows prior to examination:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly add the following section, on page 1, immediately after the title:

## --RELATED APPLICATIONS

a The present application is a U.S. national application of PCT/IL99/00600, filed 7 November 1999. --

## IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 14 and 20.

Kindly replace claims 4, 6, 7, 21-29, 35 and 36, with the following claims in clean form:

**Q2** 4. (Amended) A tandem printer according to claim 1 and comprising:

a transfer system which transfers the substrate from the first printing station to the second printing station, in which the rotatable element is comprised;

the transfer system further comprising:

a flexible strip, travelling at a given rate and providing motion to the rotatable element, wherein a corrective step displacement of the flexible strip induces the corrective step change in angular position of the rotatable element.